

**U.S. CONGRESSMAN MIKE GALLAGHER HOSTS
FORDING FLOOD WATERS**

JULY 30, 2019 - 9 AM – NOON

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, 2740 W. MASON ST, GREEN BAY

9:00 A.M. Welcome & Introductions	U.S. Congressman Mike Gallagher (WI-8)
<i>Weather Trends and Impacts</i> A regional summary of recent weather patterns and the outlook for the next few months will be presented. Get insights into the resultant Lake Michigan water levels and subsequent impacts.	NOAA National Weather Service - Green Bay Jeff Last, Warning Coordination Meteorologist Jeff.Last@noaa.gov; (920) 494.5845 x726 www.weather.gov/grb
<i>Flood Basics</i> Understanding stream flow and how a watershed works. Simple definitions will be described. Information will also be provided on WI DNR "Floodplain & Shoreland Management Notes," a publication to help communities stay current with rules and regulations.	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Miles Winkler, PE, Water Management Engineer Miles.Winkler@wisconsin.gov; (920) 662-5195
<i>Recent Floods and the Economic Repercussions</i> Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) will explore recent flood events in Wisconsin and the costs of those floods to their communities and to Wisconsin.	Wisconsin Emergency Management Katie Sommers, CFM, Hazard Mitigation Section Supervisor DMAWEMHazardMitigation@wisconsin.gov
<i>Flood Maps and Identifying Risk Areas</i> An overview of FEMAs mapping process and Letter of Map Changes.	Federal Emergency Management Agency Eric Kuklewski, Chief, Floodplain Management & Insurance Branch Eric.Kuklewski@fema.dhs.gov
<i>Current Land Use</i> A partnership: Feds, State and Local Communities - An overview of the basic responsibilities of floodplain management at each government level. An overview of the floodplain ordinance updating process to include best management practices and policy and map changes. Learn about the costs associated with not enforcing the local floodplain ordinance, the strategies of saving time, lives, property and tax payer dollars through mitigation and the Community Rating System Program.	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Michelle Staff, CFM, Floodplain Management Policy Coordinator & State National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator Michelle.Staff@wisconsin.gov; (608) 220-5633
<i>Broad Strategies</i> An overview of the Southeastern WI Coastal Resilience Project will be presented noting practices that may be applicable to NE WI. This is an ongoing effort to help counties and municipalities in SE WI plan and prepare for coastal hazards like erosion and flooding. Information will also be presented on a tool tailored to the Great Lakes called "Coastal Resilience Self-Assessment."	UW Sea Grant Adam Bechle Coastal Engineering Outreach Specialist bechle@wisc.edu; (608) 263-5133

<p><i>Communities Building Flood Resiliency</i></p> <p>Learn how three communities have taken steps – from planning to funding to implementation – and are reducing their risks for flood damage.</p>	<p>UW Sea Grant</p> <p>Julia Noordyk, Water Quality/Coastal Communities Outreach Specialist noordykj@uwgb.edu; (920) 465-2795</p>
<p><i>Upstream Solutions to Downstream Problems: A Wetlands and Watersheds Perspective</i></p> <p>Highlights from a northern WI case study about how degraded wetland and stream conditions contribute to downstream flood damages, and steps one community is taking to better assess and address the problem. Technical and policy barriers to restoring wetlands and floodplains to reduce flood risks and damages will also be discussed.</p>	<p>Wisconsin Wetlands Association</p> <p>Erin O’Brien, Policy Programs Director policy@wisconsinwetlands.org, (608) 250-9971</p>
<p><i>Planning Resources</i></p> <p>ASFPF Flood Science Center is a resource for guidance and best practices associated with floodplain and coastal hazard management to address increased rainfall intensity and rising Great Lakes water levels.</p>	<p>Association of State Floodplain Managers</p> <p>Alan Luloff, P.E., CFM Chief Scientist - Flood Science Center Alan@floods.org; (608) 333-3731</p>
<p><i>Flood Insurance</i></p> <p>Tailored for community leaders - coverage, claims, etc., focusing on individual coverage and community participation in NFIP.</p>	<p>FEMA - Eric Kuklewski WI DNR – Michelle Staff & Miles Winkler</p>
<p><i>Financial Resources</i></p> <p>WEM staff will describe FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance suite of grant programs including eligibility requirements, the implementation process, and upcoming funding opportunities.</p>	<p>Wisconsin Emergency Management</p> <p>Katie Sommers DMAWEMHazardMitigation@wisconsin.gov</p>
<p><i>GIS and Online Tools for Floodplains</i></p> <p>Maps and other online resources can help people better understand their vulnerability to flooding, how to prepare before a flood, and how to respond during and after a flood. This session showcases useful tools for residents and local officials.</p>	<p>UW Sea Grant</p> <p>David Hart, Assistant Director for Extension dhart@aqua.wisc.edu; (608) 262-6515</p> <p>Brown County Land Information Office</p> <p>Jeff DuMez, GIS Coordinator Jeff.DuMez@browncountywi.gov (920) 448-6480</p>
12:00 PM - Conclude	Congressman Mike Gallagher